

Environmental Justice

Newtown Pike Extension



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Agencies

FHWA



Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Lexington-Fayette Urban Co Govt

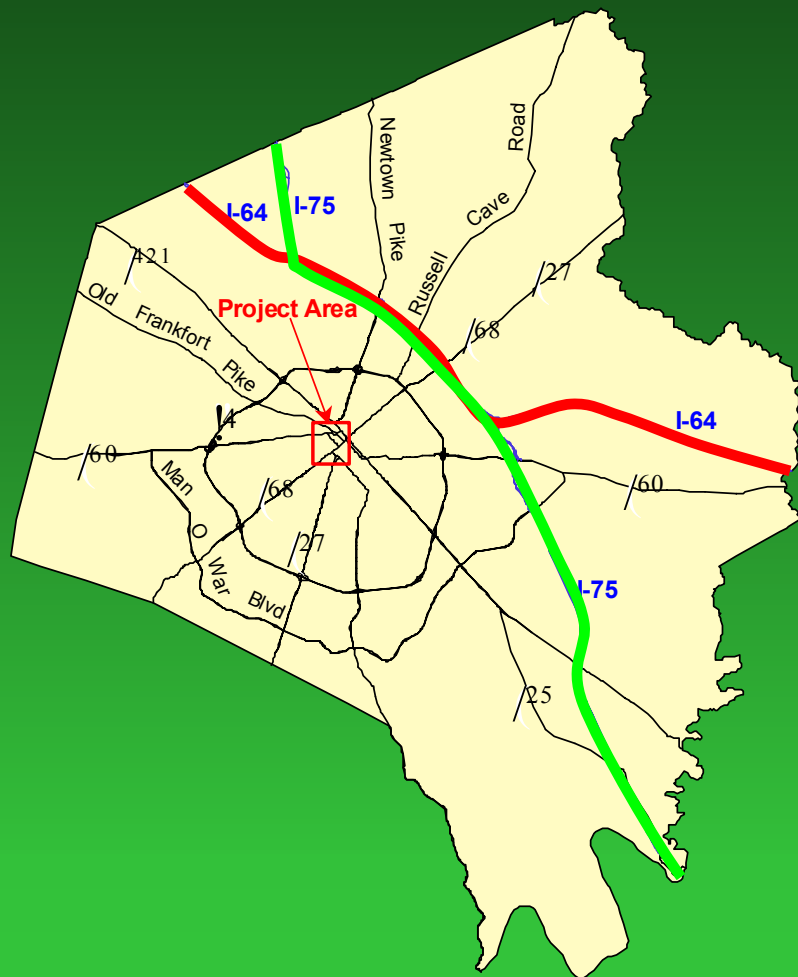
Outline

- **Project Overview**
- **Community Issues**
- **Mitigation**



Fayette County, Kentucky

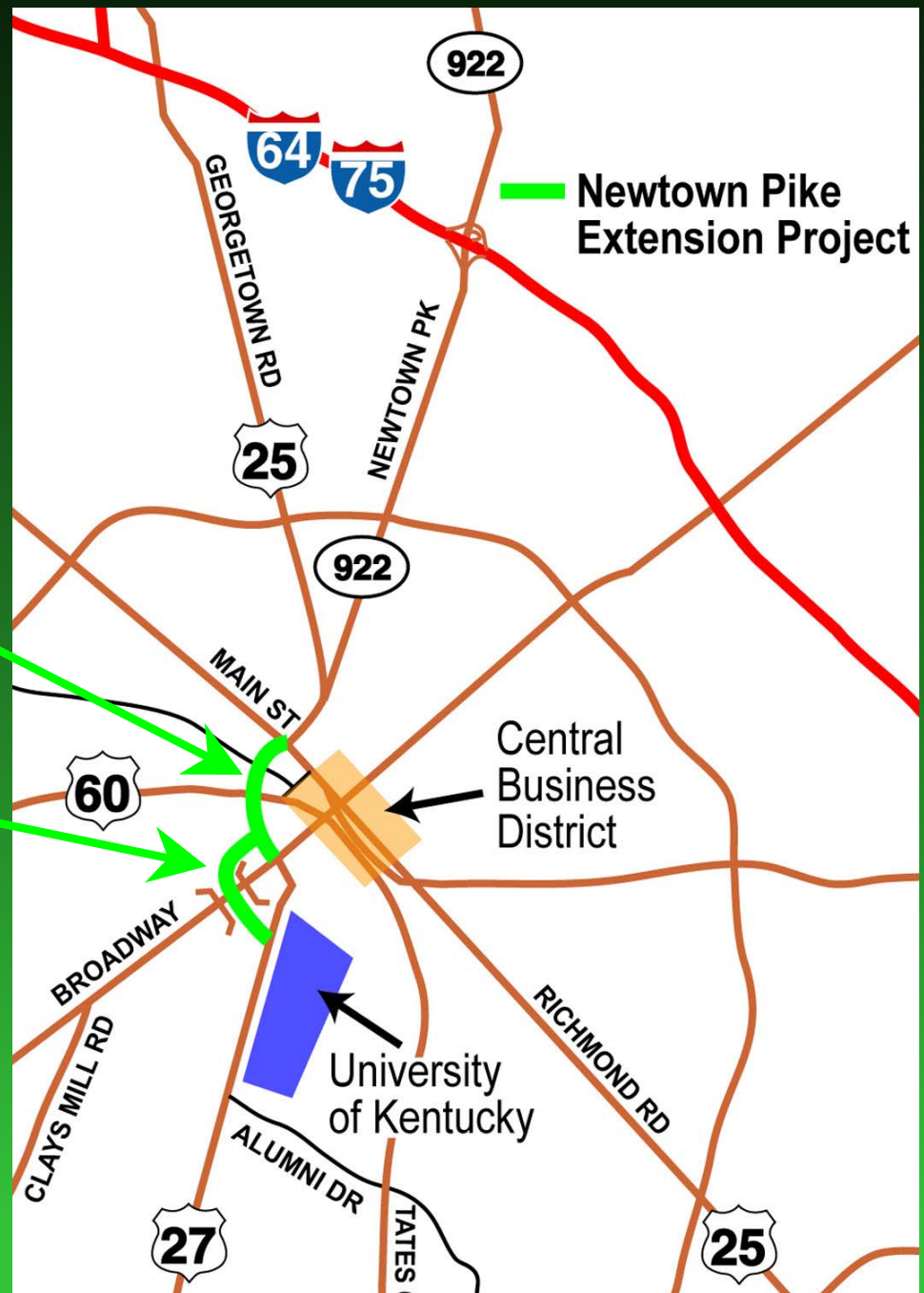
- Merged city-county government
- Urban service area



I-75 and **I-64**

Project

- Main to Broadway
4 lanes, median
- Connector to UK
- Corridor Plan
- EJ Mitigation
- EIS







Purpose & Need

- Improve Downtown Traffic
- Downtown Bypass for Traffic

**Minimize impact on UK
Downtown Improvement**

**... without an unfair burden
on other areas**



Project Approach

Public Involvement
Corridor Plan
Redevelopment Plan

Highway Design
Environmental

A Holistic Approach to
Improve Quality of Life



Roadway Alternates

- 3 alignments
- All follow abandoned railroad bed



Corridor Plan

- Lexington Comprehensive Plan (11/18/02)
- 480 acres, 1400 parcels
- 7 neighborhoods
- Identify opportunities for development

Community Involvement



Public Meetings

Door-to-door Survey

Small group discussions

Newsletters

Web Site



Environmental Justice

Avoid, minimize, or **mitigate**
Disproportionately **high and**
adverse effects
On minority or **low-income**
populations



Historic Districts one block from Main Street



Moderate to low-income neighborhoods



Commercial Services



University Services

Demographics

2000 Census



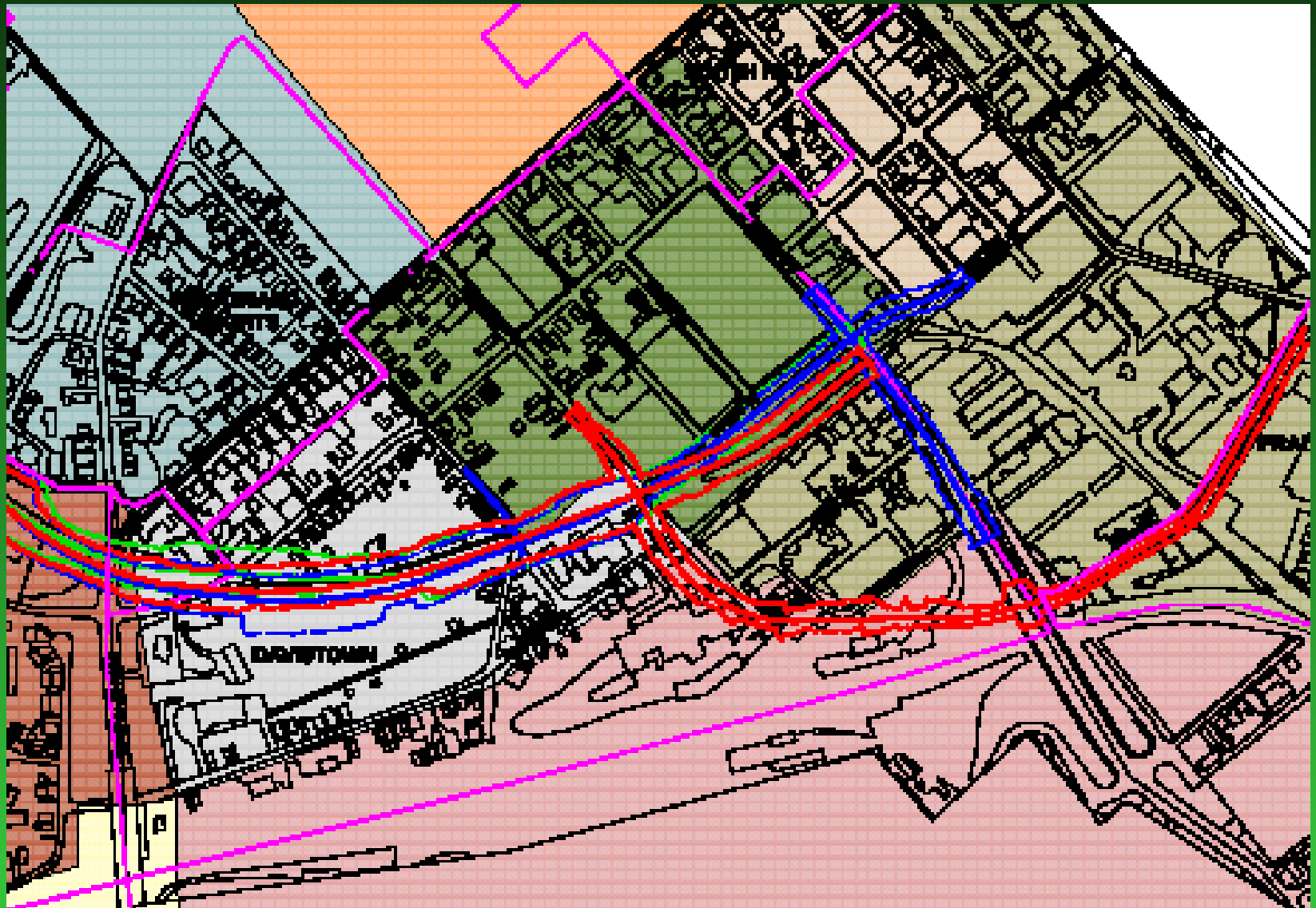
	Fayette	Davistown/ South Hill	Irishtown
# of Households	108,411	267	87
Median Income	\$39,813	\$20,078	\$16,875
% Poverty	12.9	58.0	50.9
% HS Graduates	85.7	59.2	37.5

1990 Census



	Fayette	Davistown	Irishtown
# of Households	89,542	197	115
Median Income	\$28,056	\$6,698	\$8,499
% Poverty	14.1	74.0	58.4

1990 Block Groups



2000 Block Groups



Davistown



- 74 percent below poverty level
- Median rent \$288
- 31 years average residency
- 92 percent have friends or family in neighborhood

Southend Park

6 acres

Portion built by volunteers

Used extensively by
Nathaniel Mission

No parking

Drainage issues



Project Impacts

- Residential Relocations: 10
- All in Davistown neighborhood
- Southend Park (4(f))
- Indirect/secondary impacts

Disproportionately High



Effects on Community



- Historic erosion of residential character
- Invasion of commercial land uses
- Most residents are renters
- Proximity to UK
- 22,000 vehicles per day

Adverse Effects

- Displacements
 - Direct
 - Secondary
 - No DSS housing available in area
- Destruction of community cohesion



How Can We Mitigate

- Community Disruption?
- Relocations out of neighborhood?
- Elimination of Low-Income Housing?
- Impact to Southend Park?



... A Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan

Redevelopment Area

- 25-acre area
 - 35 existing households
 - 7 active businesses
 - industrial incompatible
- Community Services



Redevelopment

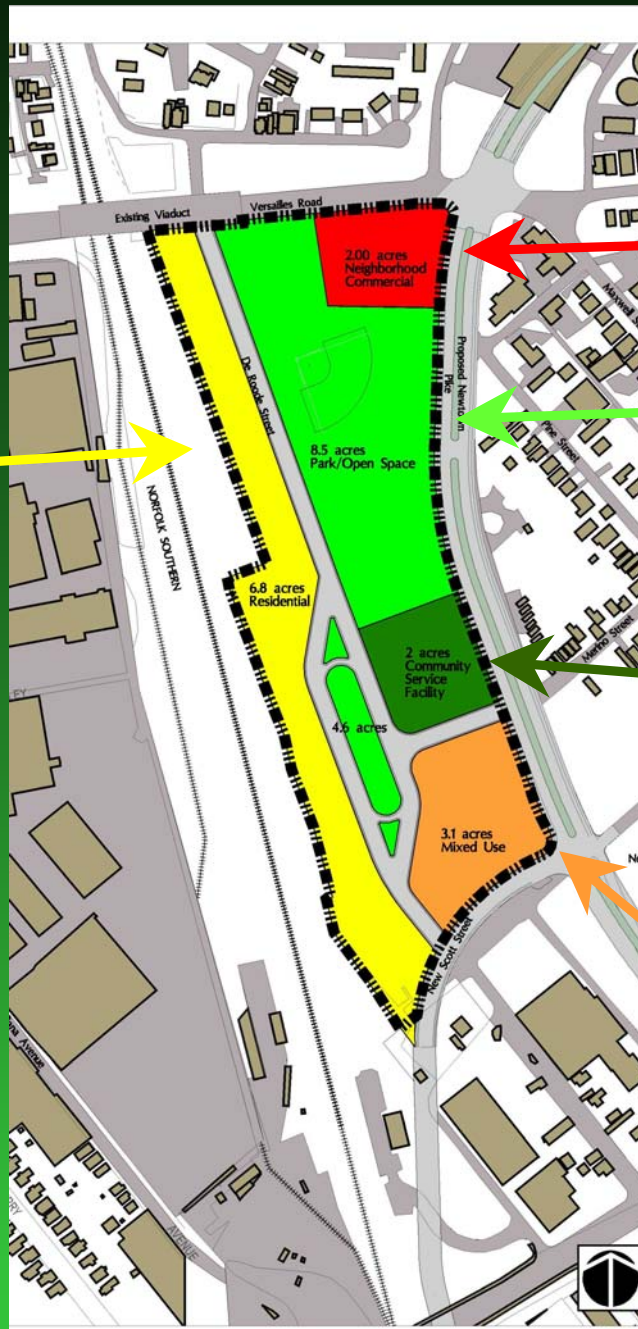
- Based on vision in Corridor Plan
- Residents have input

Meet City goals

- infrastructure
- parkland
- Low-income housing
- stormwater detention



Residential



Commercial

**Park and
Open Space**

**Community
Services**

Mixed Use

EJ Implementation

- Purchase entire 25 acres for mitigation
- New infrastructure
- Low-Income housing
- Land Trust?



ect Corridor In Relation To Greater Lexington



**Ms. Dorothy Coleman
Community Liaison**

Schedule

- Final redevelopment plan: Oct 2003
- Draft EIS: Oct 2003
- ROD: Winter 2004



A photograph of a railway track curving through a wooded area. The track is made of metal rails and wooden ties, and it leads towards a city skyline in the background. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting autumn or winter. The sky is overcast.

Schedule cont.

- Right of Way: Spring 2004
- Replacement Housing: 2004
- Construction: 2005
- Open to Traffic: June 2007

Questions?

